Bamu language

Bamu, or **Bamu Kiwai**, is a Papuan language of southern Papua New Guinea.

A thousand speakers of *Gama* are included in the ISO code for Bamu. However, *Ethnologue* notes that lexical similarity is below 80% with the most similar dialect of Bamu proper.

Bamu	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Region	Bamu River
Native speakers	5,400; 6,300 with Gama (2000 census)[1]
Language family	Kiwaian ▪ **Bamu**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`bcf` (with Gama)
Glottolog	`bamu1257 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/bamu1257)`[2]

Dialects

Dialects are:[3]

- Gama
- Lower Bamu
- Sisiame (8.104866°S 143.570587°E)[4]
- Upper Bamu (Middle Bamu)
- Nuhiro

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